

Easter 2026

the **MISSION**

Stories of Second Chances



Tim is doing
God's work
this *Easter!*

Thank you for supporting
him and our Mission team.

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A Message from LUIS SANTONI

A SEASON OF Possibility...

A lot changes this time of year. We're moving into a new season. Days are getting longer, and new life is springing up around us. It's a reminder that even in darkness, beauty and hope are just around the corner.

The Easter season is also a reminder of Christ's sacrifice... and the hope for new life and renewal.

Renewal is happening inside the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission as well - in the lives of the men and women who come to us in their darkest hour. Each person who walks through our doors is a story of resilience and possibility, like Tim, whose story you can read on page 3.

Through the support of friends like you, these men and women can rise above their circumstances and rebuild their lives. Because our recovery program is more than meals, safe housing and care. It's about finding faith that a new life is possible.

Thank you for empowering our guests along their journey from darkness to light... from despair to hope. Your generosity gives them the tools they need to move from the shadows of homelessness or addiction, into the light of stability and hope.



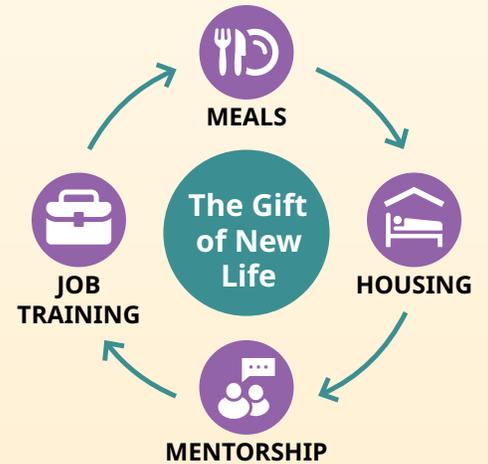
Luis Santoni
Executive Director



GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES!

You can be the difference our community needs!

When you become a monthly giving partner, you give hurting neighbors the life-changing care they need! Your support provides stability and a path toward lasting recovery.



Start giving monthly now!

Or visit
www.rsgm.org/NewLife

BECOME A MONTHLY PARTNER...
AND TRANSFORM LIVES
ALL YEAR!

This Easter... **EVERY MEAL MATTERS**

Just \$2.17 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe housing, Christ-centered care and healing in our recovery programs!

For just \$2.17 each, you can provide a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and share hope for a new life in Christ.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at www.rsgm.org.



“I DISCOVERED
my new,
true self,
IN CHRIST.”



Tim grew up in a chaotic household where both parents battled addiction. Life was filled with emotional pain and instability – Tim even went to 12 different schools. “I remember just trying to fit in,” he shares. With alcohol and drugs readily available, he started using them as an escape. In adulthood, he found himself on a path of addiction and broken relationships.

After a painful divorce, Tim sank into depression and disconnected from friends and family. **“I was ashamed and couldn’t bring myself to reach out.”** He spent several years living in unfit conditions, isolated and out of options.

Then, during a quiet moment on a city bus, he caught his reflection in the window. *“Is this what my life has become?”* That’s when a caring soul encouraged Tim to come to the Mission.

When Tim arrived at the Mission, it wasn’t out of faith – it was because it was cold, and he was desperate to find a safe place to sleep off the streets. “I wasn’t a believer,” he admits. “Looking back, I realize **the Lord met me here** anyway.”

A few months in, Tim’s heart began to soften. He started to pray. “I asked, ‘God, if you’re real, please show me.’” He remembers immediately experiencing a sense of peace.

Tim’s transformation didn’t end with gaining lasting sobriety. After graduating, he worked at the Mission as a Thrift Store Manager, then began teaching and preaching.

Today, more than 18 years later, **Tim is our Chaplain and Men’s Services Coordinator, and he serves as a pastor at Journey Church. He also oversees the downtown Mission.**

Pastor Tim pours into others what was poured into him: compassion, accountability and understanding. “This program doesn’t just change the lives of the people who come through here. It impacts their kids. It stops generational cycles. That’s huge!”

This Easter, Tim continues sharing his experience, strength and hope with those along the path to recovery. Thank you for helping light his way! “The second-smartest decision I ever made was walking through the doors of the Mission,” he smiles. “The smartest was accepting Christ into my heart.”

“THE MISSION OPENED THE DOOR FOR ME TO BE WITH GOD.”



May we shine the light of Christ.

“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:4–5



HELP HUNGRY NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Spring Cleaning

Clean your closets and help neighbors in need!

As you declutter and refresh your home for spring, you can also help neighbors in need.



Donate gently used items.

We take clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys and bikes. Your donations support the Mission's programs and provide clothing for our less fortunate neighbors.



Shop at our Thrift Store.

Are you looking to refresh your home and closet for warmer weather? Check out Thrift Depot! You'll find treasures at bargain prices and provide work experience for residents in our recovery program.

Drop off donations and shop at Thrift Depot located at 575 E 4th St. and 1075 N Hills Blvd #350 in Reno, or 640 Greenbrae Dr #160 in Sparks.

We hope to see you there!



The number of struggling families and individuals turning to us for food is increasing. Help us meet this growing need! We're asking you to check YOUR pantry for unopened, unexpired, non-perishable items you'd be willing to donate to OURS.

Here are just a few examples of urgently needed non-perishable items:



SUGAR



COFFEE



CANNED FOOD, LIKE SOUP, VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

SHELF-STABLE CARTONS (USUALLY "TETRA PAK") OF SOUP, MILK, JUICE, ETC.

SALT/PEPPER PACKETS

POWDERED MILK

Help reach our goal to fully stock our "Operation Food Giveaway" supply as well as inventory for our monthly "Pop-up Pantries," where we distribute food baskets to neighbors in need.

Please drop off donations by Friday, April 3 at the Mission: **2115 Timber Way, Reno, NV 89512**

No time to shop? Donate now!

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